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LABOURERS DIED DUE TO CLOSURE OF MILLS AND FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of labourers and their families are on the verge of death and some have committed suicide on account of unemployment because of closure of the mills and factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide them alternative means of livelihood?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Government is aware of increasing unemployment and hardships caused to the workers due to closure of mills and factories.

(c): The growth strategy of the 10th Plan lays emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities such as information technology, tourism, financial services, construction etc. Moreover, a scheme for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalized workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings has been introduced from 2001-02 with thrust on self-employment of the rationalized employees.